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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Mostly Sunny
High: 84 • Low 54
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High: 89 • Low 55
Sunday: Sunny
High: 94 • Low 57

366TH FIGHTER WING, MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO

Local area schools resume classes

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The sound of school bells echoed across Mountain Home School District campuses Wednesday as classes resumed the new school year.

Approximately 370 students returned to the Base Primary School, whose staff was still transitioning in the wake of the closing of Liberty Elementary Aug. 15.

"With Liberty [Elementary] closing so quickly, we really have had only less than a week to make the transition and get everything ready," said William McCarrel, Base Primary School principal. "I would say that our short-term goal is just to make it successfully through the first two weeks."

Mr. McCarrel said the staff is living one day at a time and doing the best they can, adding that the closing of the school wasn't a complete surprise.

"We started talking about it last March. When it comes down to it, the change just makes sense," he said. "Attendance was at 131 students when we closed and has progressively dwindled over the past few years."

Mr. McCarrel said the transition has caused some quirks for the staff, but they have risen to the challenge, just as they have in the past.

"Our staff is tough ... they've been through a lot. Two years ago the roof of base primary caved in the day before school started and left inches of standing water throughout the school," he said. "They are resilient, and they're ready to go for this year."

But last minute changes aren't the only challenge the school's staff is facing.

"We lost some staff this year ... federal funds are really drying up," he said. "Everyone here is really bucking up, taking on more additional duties, and really helping each other out. They're just going to town."

Base construction is also



Gunfighter children run into the base school Wednesday, the first day of classes.

causing some inconveniences for parents dropping their children off at school.

"With the construction going on and the limited amount of parking at the school, we would just like to remind parents to please be patient," said Mr. McCarrel. "Temporary housing goes in next, so it's probably going to get worse before it gets better ... but we're going to go on and do the best we can."

Teachers have undoubtedly been busy getting ready for school to resume.

"It's been a little crazy with the late hires and Liberty closing," said RaNaye Conrow, Base Primary School teacher. "We had to make room for the fourth graders, but we are happy to have them join us, and everyone's in good spirits. I'm always excited to start a new year."

Other teachers are excited about the new start as well.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the new year, though getting ready for the start of school is always hard work," said Nancy Johnson, Base Primary School teacher.

"They say with the brain, either you use it or you lose it, so we're going to work hard to put each student's mind to good use this year and getting them ready to move up to the next grade."

Staff members said they are truly dedicated to keeping their priorities straight, even during a time of inconvenience and change.

"We're going to be here for the kids," said Mr. McCarrel. "After all, that's what it's all about."

By SENIOR AIRMAN
BRIAN STIVES
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

During the out brief of the Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection Thursday morning, Col. Tony Rock, 366th Fighter Wing commander, summed up the Gunfighters performance in one sentence.

"In the last five years, there is only one wing that did better than the 366th Fighter Wing did this week, and that was the

Mountain Home Air Force Base back in 2001," said Colonel Rock.

During the past week, the Gunfighters racked up 86 superior performers, 13 superior performer teams and six best practices

According to the UCI final report, the 56-member inspector general team found that three of 313 critical compliance objectives, or less than one-percent of the inspected areas, did not comply, blowing away the ACC average of four percent.

"Getting less than one-percent does not comply for any wing is exceptional,"

said Col. Michael Rollison, ACC UCI inspection team chief.

"I couldn't be more proud of the Gunfighters," said Colonel Rock. "The UCI team couldn't stop talking about the energy, initiative and can-do attitude every member of the wing expressed throughout this inspection."

"Once again, the Gunfighters have shown how they're a high-performing team that never misses a beat and embodies excellence in all we do," said Colonel Rock. "Every Gunfighter in this wing

makes my job easy; sometimes I feel like an overpaid cheerleader."

The six best practices the UCI team found on base were, the 390th Fighter Squadron's mission guide, 366th Mission Support Group's virtual commander support staff, 366th Communication Squadron's integrated records management program, family support center's teaching teachers and natural helpers program; family support center's Gunfighter wellness plan, and the 366th Security Forces Squadron's restricted area badge reports.

Gunfighters right on target

SNAPSHOT



Source: ESPN Sports Poll

Among Americans 12 years old and up, the NFL is the top spectator sport. Spectator sports are those that people have attended, watched on television, listened to on the radio or read about in the media.

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T-BOLTS TRAIN OVER SOUTHWEST N.M.



PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. MICHAEL AMMONS
Paul Grignot, a contractor pilot for the 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., fires a series of flares from his QF-4 full-scale drone during a mission to test the compatibility and operational capabilities of the Navy's Mongoose Flare Dispense Pod on the QF-4. This was the first flight and use of the Mongoose pod by the Air Force.

Live-fire exercise helps 389th FS test capabilities

By CAPT. DAN DAehler
389TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

The 389th Fighter Squadron Thunderbolts deployed eight jets and 97 Airmen, including pilots, maintainers, weapons, intelligence, aviation resource management and life support troops, to Combat Archer at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., July 29.

The deployment gave members hands-on experience in live fire missile training.

Combat Archer is hosted by the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron, 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Employing the F-16, the T-Bolts' capabilities include the use of the AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air to Air Missile, better known as the AMRAAM, and the AIM-9 Sidewinder Air Intercept Missile, which is a heat-seeking munition. The 389th FS had the opportunity to use both missiles over a two-week period. Pilots were also given a refresher course on the missiles' capabilities by engineers who develop and produce the missiles.

The 83rd FWS designed specific shoot profiles for the live-fire exercise to validate the T-Bolts' tactics and capabilities, with the overall goal of giving the pilots confidence using the weapon systems. The T-Bolt pilots tested their skills and weapons against QF-4 drones — old F-4s brought back to life out of the Aerospace Maintenance and Recovery Center, or Boneyard, at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

"The live fire opportunity really builds a lot of confidence in our weapon systems. We train to shoot these missiles on a daily basis, but it's nothing like carrying a live missile, hitting the pickle button and actually seeing one launch from the missile rail," said Capt. Brian Healy, 389th FS pilot. "This training showed me that if and when I need to employ missiles in a combat situation, I know with fairly high confidence that the system will work when I need it the most."

The T-Bolts also took advantage of this opportunity to practice Dissimilar Air Combat Training, or DACT, with the 44th Fighter Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan. The 44th FS flew the F-15C and also conducted live-fire training with Combat Archer.

"We're spoiled, being at Mountain Home, as we get a lot of good dissimilar training with the different assets the Gunfighters have," said Captain Healy. "It's always good, however, to get additional training in a deployed location, with other squadrons — it's a great opportunity for both squadrons to gain valuable knowledge on each respective aircraft and their capabilities."

The T-Bolt maintainers and weapons troops also received plenty of hands-on expe-

rience working with and around live missiles. A lot of work is required behind the scene ensuring the missiles are ready, loaded properly and safety requirements are met.

"Maintenance and weapons are critical variables in the equation, and without their support, our combat effectiveness would be severely degraded," said Capt. Mike Rose, 389th FS pilot.

"It was a great experience seeing the process from start to finish," said Tech. Sgt. Sam Wease, 389th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. "We wish we could have shot more missiles, but all in all everything just went right, which was incredible to see. A lot of hard work was put in, and our jets performed flawlessly."

At the end of the two-week exercise, eight out of 13 pilots got to fire missiles — before the Monsoon summer weather and QF-4 reliability played a role in limiting the planned shots.

Regardless, the T-Bolts flew within the test parameters and provided valuable data points to both the 53rd WEG and engineers to improve combat capabilities.

"It was a valuable experience, and we look forward to conducting this training again in November down at Tyndall Air Force Base," said Capt. Dan McGuire, 389th FS pilot.



Capt. Dan Daehler, 389th FS, shoots an AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air to Air Missile at a QF-4 drone. AMRAAM is designed to improve pilot survivability by allowing multiple attacks on the enemy.

Bridging the generation gap: some assembly required

BY MASTER SGT. BRIAN S. ORBAN
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Well, it finally happened. It took them years to do it, but they finally succeeded. They drove the final wedge in the generation gap.

My children talk, and I have no clue what they are saying.

Why all the sudden do I feel so old?

Actually, I do understand my children sometimes. When it comes time for breakfast, lunch or dinner, it's easy to understand their needs: "Me ... hungry ... food ... now."

But ask them how their day went, and my daughters spout off in some alien language. They live in a world filled with things called bling, animae, reality TV, overnight pop music divas, MP3s, PSPs and avatars.

A word of advice: When children speak, it's wise to give them some sort of positive reply, even if what they said was complete gibberish. Take my youngest daughter for example. Kristen can't wait to clue me in every time something cool happens when she plays a computer game, which for her is about every 30 seconds. Her latest discovery happened one night as I tried in vain to repair something at my work bench.

"Daaaaaaaad," my munchkin started out, "By the way. Guess what? Did you know my legendary *blah, blah, blah* is only available when you go to the *blah, blah, blah* but only if you use the *blah, blah, blah* when you're in the *blah, blah, blah*?"

That was the slowed down version of what she said. How it really sounded looked something like this: "Daaaaaaaad. Guess what? Did you know my legendary *blah, blah, blah* is only available when you go to the *blah, blah, blah* but only if you use the *blah, blah, blah* when you're in the *blah, blah, blah*?"

Regardless of how she said it, I didn't want to sound rude. So I responded with a reassuring, "Uh huh, that's great, sweetie."

I admit, it sounded a lot better than "Huh?"

Children's tastes in music are another headache. Apparently, "cool" parents know all of today's hottest singers and recognize them on sight. I found that out the hard way when my middle daughter, Elizabeth, gave me her Christmas wish list (yeah, I know it's still August, all right?). One of her "must have" albums is from a duo known as Aly and A.J., who I found out have absolutely NO relation to the Olsen twins or Simon and Garfunkel.

Elizabeth apparently listed me in the "listens to old people music" category after that faux pas.

Looking back, I actually got lucky on that request since she picked out something musically "safe." By "safe," I mean it has no parental warning label and no suggestive lyrics or suggestive album cover. When I was her age, I wasn't so nice to my parents since my musical tastes included KISS, Queen, Judas Priest and AC/DC. My mom apparently thought I was going to "burn in hell" if I kept listening to these groups (she was wrong; my hearing gave out first).

However, every generation goes through this musical revolution phase and all for the same reason. Why else do you think teens bought Elvis Presley records in the 50s, Bob Dylan albums in the 60s, Led Zeppelin music in the 70s, AC/DC records in the 80s and Marilyn Manson music in the 90s? They did it to tick off their parents.

Screening music for children is pretty scary, but what's even scarier is having a child who knows more about computers than I do. My teenage computer guru, Nichole, goes to great lengths to decipher HTML coding to create some truly wondrous creations on the computer screen for her Web site "lookup." From her perspective, a lookup is

apparently something everyone absolutely "must" have.

It's easy to tell when she's updating her Web page because she calls my wife and me over to the computer each time she makes even the slightest change. One minute, she had a little cartoon character dancing on her page. An instant later, music from the Phantom of the Opera was booming over the computer speakers. A few more clicks on the keyboard later, and the background of the screen went from pasty white to beaming red.

"So Dad, when are you going to change your lookup?" Nichole asked as I stared clueless at the screen much like the proverbial deer staring into the lights of an oncoming semi. "Wait. Let me create one for you, OK?" she said as she yanked the mouse from my fingers.

"Um, sure honey, that sounds good," I replied, another victim of technology overload.

In all honesty, my children behave fairly well at home. They obey my wife and I (mostly), do their best at school and avoid temptations and the other bad things common in today's society. For now, I guess I should feel fortunate they include me in their conversations.

I just wish I knew what they were saying.

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366 FW COMMAND CHIEF



COL. ANTHONY ROCK AND CHIEF MASTER SGT. ALLEN NIKSICH

LAST DUI

366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

10

AADD made 53 saves in July, and 752 so far this year

(Courtesy of AADD)

(CURRENT AS OF THURSDAY AFTERNOON)

AWARDS

	2005	2006
Air Force	20	0
ACC	33	8
12th Air Force	12	0

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Fit to Fight is not just about being 'fit'

BY LT. COL. TIMOTHY WOOD
366TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

Many parents have probably noticed a disturbing trend in our education system. To focus on academics, schools are slowly eliminating recess and physical education periods. Additionally, traditionally accessible after-school sports are becoming more exclusive, weeding out the non-athletes through grueling try-outs.

So, why is this a concern for not just parents, but for the Air Force and our sister services? It's because sports and physical training programs are not just about being fit. The same principles an athlete learns in training for and competing in sporting events is what we want our Airmen to demonstrate on the job.

Teamwork. Many of you have played on or witnessed winning sports teams that don't have a Michael Jordon or Joe Montana to score all their points. The players have such a strong sense of teamwork. They put personal ambitions aside to do what's best for the team. Athletes learn teamwork comes only by submitting their needs to those of the coach and to the team. It means practicing the core value of "service before self."

As a commander, I want Airmen who know what it means to be part of a team. I want them integrating within their shop and squadron, so their identity is tied up in the identity of the team. That's why we have team names, like the Gunfighters. A true team player doesn't care who the commander is or how glamorous their mission is; they are only concerned with achieving their team's mission and taking care of their teammates.

If you have read or watched "Band of Brothers" by Stephen Ambrose, you see this concept demonstrated in Easy Company. When Sgt. Bill Guarneri was wounded and hospitalized, he went AWOL from the hospital to get back to the front lines with Easy Company so he could again be part of his team.

Focus. I'm a runner and I run roughly the same number of miles each week. But I've noticed there's one thing that affects my training intensity in my daily runs—it's why I'm running. If I run simply to stay in shape, without purpose, I lack intensity and I have no motivation. On the other hand, if I'm training for a race, I find myself visualizing race day, the other competitors and the fans. My pace quickens without even thinking about it. That's what having a goal does; it gives you focus, purpose and direction. A good athlete competes with a purpose; he or

she competes to win the prize. As Airmen, we should strive for something besides a paycheck. As a civil engineer, I have a goal to continually make the base a better place to live, work, play and train Air Force warriors. Having focus ensures we practice the core value of "excellence in all we do."

Discipline. Athletes cannot successfully compete without disciplining their lives. This may include adjusting his or her diet, performing certain exercises, observing rest periods, and avoiding negative influences.

If we are to succeed in meeting our personal and organizational goals, we also must be disciplined. Successfully completing upgrade training or professional military education requires discipline. Developing a plan to prepare for the unit compliance inspection and executing that plan also requires discipline. Discipline is about sacrificing personal desires in order to achieve a higher goal.

Following the rules. Playing according to the rules of the game is essential in competing and winning. Many of you may have tried playing crud or rugby for the first time and found out how easy it is to violate the rules. Even in running there are rules that, if not followed, will disqualify you. Runners may only start when the gun is fired and they cannot cross out of their lane or cut other runners off. Some of you may remember the 1984 Olympic 3000 meter event when it appeared South African barefoot runner Zola Budd cut off American Mary Decker, causing her to fall and eliminating her from the race. Zola Budd was initially disqualified for violating the rules.

As a commander, I want Airmen who follow the rules. I need people I can depend on to show up on time, not drink and drive, and follow orders. It's easy to find people in our society who break the rules whenever they can get away with it. However, our core values tell us we need to have "integrity first." Airmen are entrusted by our nation to be military professionals and as such, must be above reproach.

Our military lifestyle is not quite as exciting as that of a professional athlete, but the same principles you learn by competing in sports will also allow you to succeed in the Air Force. We want to train and retain Airmen who know how to be team players, focus on the goal, exercise discipline, and follow the rules.

Next time you're watching your favorite sporting event or hear about more athletic cuts at the local school, consider the importance of the athletic principles we all need to exhibit in our profession, because it's not just about being fit.

MHAFB battlelab plays significant combat role

BY MASTER SGT. BRIAN S. ORBAN
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The Air Warfare Battlelab at Mountain Home Air Force Base continues to play a substantial role in improving combat capability and saving lives on battlefields, according to the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center commander.

During his visit here last week, Maj. Gen. Steve Goldfein said the battlelab's "construct" of taking immediate problems and finding rapid solutions will remain important in coming years as the Air Force draws down its total force and modernizes its weapons systems.

The base is a logical place for the battlelab because of the 366th Fighter Wing's multiple air-to-air, air-to-ground and enemy air defense suppression missions, the general said as he highlighted the wing's current composition of F-16s, F-15Cs and F-15E fighters.

"As a result of that, they're able to pick up excellent ideas and work with them to some conclusions that have in turn helped out the force."

General Goldfein, who visited the base to officiate the AWB's change of command Aug. 18 from Col. Ernest Parrott to Lt. Col. Mark Koopman, said the battlelab here remains the busiest and most prolific out of the seven battlelabs located across the United States.

"This particular battlelab produced 55 to 60 solutions out of 250 that have been [developed] since the battlelabs were originally formed," he said.

The general credits part of that success to the battlelab's diversity and ability to tackle problems involving all aspects of the Air Force mission. Others, like the unmanned aerial vehicle battlelab at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, Nev., have a more limited focus.

The battlelab concept originated about 10 years ago as the Air Force sought to create a "just do it force" to find rapid solutions to problems with equipment and weapons systems without going through a complicated acquisition process, the general said. In many cases, battlelab technicians would find existing, off-the-shelf technology to fix these problems.

"Collectively, what they've been doing in the past ... is dealing with direct problems from the field," he added. "Folks are calling in and saying, 'Look, we're seeing this issue, we could really use some help and can't wait a long time to solve it.' This particular battlelab here has been superb at turning right around in fairly short order finding out what industry has, testing it, proving a concept and sending it right back to the warfighter."

The battlelab here continues to make significant progress in the

nation's ongoing fight against terrorism, the general added.

"Early on in this [current] conflict, as we started to see the weapons of choice our enemies were using, it became clear that battlefield medical care would take on a very critical role. Some of the work that's been done [at Mountain Home] is helping establish new ways of life saving and critical care that have resulted in just some amazing saves. Young people who are alive and will be able to function in the future probably would not have been without these innovations."

Other technological solutions like improved rapid runway repair matting and self-deployment equipment for large aircraft like B-52 bombers give the Air Force greater flexibility to deploy to base locations around the world. Previously, the general said, logistics limitations prevented the service from deploying and operating at these remote locations.

READING ROCKZZZ ...



PHOTO BY JENNIFER MOUNTS

The Summer Reading Program recently finished at the base library. There were more than 30 participants who read more than 113,000 pages during the seven-week program, which is four times as many pages as last year. Maj. Anthony Lanuzo, 366th Service Squadron commander, and David Patterson, library director, presented the winners of the most pages read with their awards Aug. 16. Winners are (from left) Ashleigh Clark (23,774 pages read), Amanda Rouse (12,951 pages read) and Tia Gustafson (11,758 pages read).

Services Labor Day Weekend Hours of Operation

September 1

Base Aquatics - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bowling Center - 10 a.m. to Midnight
CJ Strike Marina - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Golf Course - 7:30 a.m. to Dusk (Snack Bar closed)
Library - Noon to 6 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation Supply - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wagon Wheel Dining Facility -
Brunch - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Supper - 3 to 6:30 p.m.
Midnight Meal - 11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The following facilities will be CLOSED:
Arts & Crafts, Community Center, Family Child Care,
Gunfighters Club, Outdoor Adventure Program,
Pizza Etc., Trail Winds Café, Trap & Skeet

September 2

Arts & Crafts - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Base Aquatics - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bowling Center - 8 a.m. to Midnight
CJ Strike Marina - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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September 3

Bowling Center - 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
CJ Strike Marina - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Golf Course - 7:30 a.m. to Dusk (Snack Bar closed)
Library - Noon to 6 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation Supply - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Base shoppette now accepts Voyager card for payment at pump

COURTESY ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE

To help accommodate more military fleet customers and speed up fueling transactions, the base shoppette now accepts Voyager credit cards for payment at the pump.

Previously, the Voyager credit cards were only authorized when military customers physically went into the Shoppette to pay due to software limitations that didn't allow verification of user information at the pump. This limited the use of the card to the hours the facility was attended. Now, anything from officer staff cars to motor pool vehicles can fill up and pay with Voyager at

the pump at anytime, day or night.

"The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's finance and technology directorates worked together for the last two years to make this option available," said Debbie Rhodes, shoppette store manager. "Adding Voyager to the pump is a way to ensure we are serving the Mountain Home Air Force Base community's needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

AAFES information technology associates reprogrammed the gas pumps to accept information required by Voyager, such as driver identification number and odometer readings.

More than 260 AAFES shoppettes now accept Voyager for payment at the pump.

SECURITY FORCES ON PATROL

COURTESY 366TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

The 366th Security Forces Squadron responded to the following incidents at Mountain Home Air Force Base from Aug. 14 through Sunday.

Note: Names were removed to protect the privacy of the people involved and everyone is considered innocent until the appropriate command action has been taken.

There were a total of three traffic citations issued during this period.

Aug. 16

A person called the security forces help desk and said he backed his car into another car in the youth center parking lot. When the patrol arrived at the scene, they issued a ticket to each driver for inattentive driving. The damage was estimated to be \$500.

Vehicle damage was estimated to be \$300.

A person called the law enforcement desk and reported they received harassing phone calls. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations was notified for further investigation.

Aug. 17

A person called the law enforcement desk and said they had backed their car into another car while backing up in the 726th Air Control Squadron parking lot. When the patrol arrived at the scene, they issued a ticket to the driver for inattentive driving. The damage was estimated to be \$500.

A person called the law enforcement desk and said their laptop was stolen from their dorm room. The estimated value of the laptop was \$1,100. The incident is currently under investigation.

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE'S 'WARRIOR OF THE WEEK'

Capt. Tammy Johnson

Unit and occupation: Military equal opportunity chief with the 366th Fighter Wing

Time in the service: 11 years, nine months

Time at Mountain Home Air Force Base: nine months

Hometown: Millerstown, Pa.

Hobbies: "First and foremost, I am an obsessive-compulsive cleaner. I also find time to conduct literature research, run the track and spend hours engaged in fascinating conversation with my husband, Shooter."

Most memorable Air Force experience: "My most memorable moment, without question, happened when I was 13 years old. While sitting in my parent's hayfield, I watched two F-16s from the Harrisburg Pennsylvania Guard unit fly some very low and impressive maneuvers over the hayfield. I could clearly read 'U.S. Air Force' painted on the belly of the jets. It was at that moment that I knew what I was going to do with my life and enlisted when I turned 17. However, being an optimist, I would like to think my most memorable moment has yet to come."

What service do you provide to Gunfighters? "I provide specific and focused education to get rid of unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment of all Gunfighters."

Interesting fact: "I'm the second oldest of 12 children. Nine of my siblings have served or are currently serving on active duty in the armed forces."

Why does Captain Johnson deserve to be a warrior of the week? "She epitomizes what an officer should be: proficient in her primary job, highly professional, physically fit and focused on self-improvement. She recently volunteered and was accepted for a 365-day TDY to Iraq."

— Lt. Col. Gene Lee, 366th Fighter Wing director of staff



Tech. Sgt. Joel Shepherd

Unit and occupation: Wing assessments noncommissioned officer in charge with the 366th Fighter Wing plans and programs

Time in the service: 12 years

Time at Mountain Home Air Force Base: Three years

Hometown: Fremont, Calif.

Hobbies: "I enjoy training in Ju-Jitsu, when my knee is good. I also love hanging out with my family and friends, golfing and eating chocolate pudding pie."

Most memorable Air Force experience:

"When I was a medical technician at Osan Air Base, Korea, my fellow technicians and I managed a cardiac arrest patient pretty much on our own. At one point, the patient's heart stopped and we were able to bring him back."

What service do you provide to Gunfighters? "I build local and base exercises to support the wing's ability to respond to full spectrum threat response and Aerospace Expeditionary Force needs at a moments notice."

Interesting fact: "I'm married to a 'Notcher'."

Why does Sergeant Shepherd deserve to be a warrior of the week? "He's dedicated to ensuring wing personnel are ready to deploy or deal with a major accident that may come this way. In preparing and evaluating exercises, he has direct interaction with most base organizations, this is when his professionalism and can-do attitude solidify Gunfighter success."

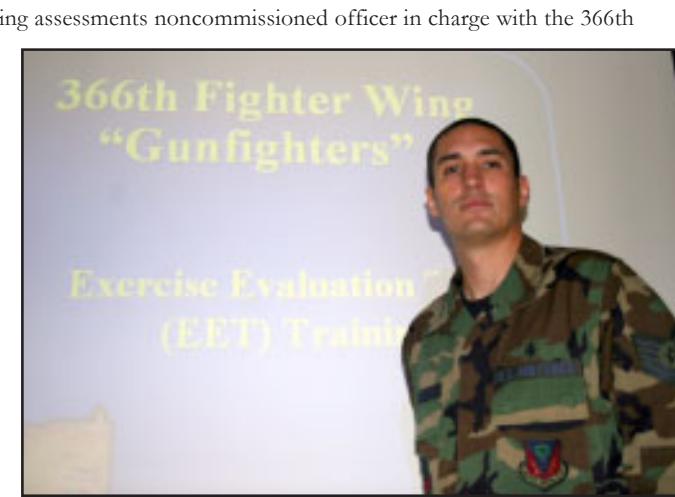


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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FTAC Awards

Congratulations to Senior Airman Crystal Kisner, 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, on receiving the First Term Airmen Center's "Sharp Troop" award for being the top performer of Class 06S.

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class James Thornton II, 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, on receiving the First Term Airmen Center's "Gunfighter Pride" award for Class 06S.

NEWSLINE

School sports physicals

The 366th Medical Group holds mass processing for school sports physicals today from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call the Tricare appointment line at 828-7900. The school physical paperwork must be brought to the appointment.

Prepaying at pump

Beginning Monday, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppette is requiring customers to prepay for their gasoline. Customers may continue to pay for gas at the pump using a credit card. For more information, call Deb Rhodes, shoppette manager, at 832-4660.

Weight and nutrition series

Michele Williams, a nationally recognized author and trainer, presents the facts on the latest diet programs, products, fads and facts to help you get on track for your weight and nutritional goals Wednesday at noon at the health and wellness center.

MDG closure

The 366th Medical Group outpatient clinics, ancillary services and pharmacy closes Sept. 1 and 4 for the Air Combat Command family day and Labor Day holiday. The emergency room remains open.

Airmen Appreciation Luau

The 366th Company Grade Officers Club invites all airmen (E-1 through E-4) and their families to the Airmen Appreciation Luau held at the Logistics Readiness Squadron Pavilion, across from the Airmen Center, Sept. 10 from 1 to 7 p.m. There will be a pig roast, music, games and prizes. The event is free.

Free tickets

The public affairs office has free tickets for the Blues in the Park concert Sept. 9 from 1 to 9 p.m. at Billingsley State Park in Hagerman, Idaho. Tickets are available on a first-come first-serve basis. For more information, call 828-6800 or stop by the office in Building 512.

Unlicensed daycares

Individuals in base housing caring for children other than their own for more than 10 hours each week on a regular basis must be a licensed child care provider. For more information, call Greta Raney at 828-6715.

Important record forms needed

Active duty members must have a current virtual Record of Emergency Data on file in virtual Military Personnel Flight, or vMPF. The vRED lists names and addresses of people to notify in case of death, injury or emergency. It also serves as the official document required to designate beneficiaries for death gratuity pay, unpaid pay and allowances in the event of the member's death.

Base begins CoRC program

Creating a Culture of Responsible Choices, or CoRC, is a deliberate life-style. To create a shift in the current socially-accepted routine takes buy-in from the leadership, individuals, base and local community. For more information, log on to www.afcrossroads.com/websites/corc.cfm or call Capt. Tammy Johnson at 828-2751.

Hazmat pharmacy

The hazardous material pharmacy can assist in the research of less hazardous materials. The pharmacy currently has more than 100 items available for free issue to authorized customers. They currently have greases, oils and coolants in limited quantities on a first-come first-served basis. For more about the free issue program, call 828-2360 or stop by the hazardous material pharmacy located in Building 1352.

— Lt. Col. Richard McCafferty, 366th Fighter Wing plans and programs chief

A hunting we will go . . .

Here's the cache: High-tech devices help locate simple treasures

BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Sprinting through the sagebrush and over the whistle pig holes, Kalynne Sapp, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Allen Sapp, 266th Range Squadron, kept her eyes

Interested in geocaching?

Here are tips for beginners. There are more at www.geocaching.com.

BEFORE YOU GO:

Rent or buy a GPS: Outdoor recreation rents them for \$5 for the weekend. Outdoor adventure is offering a GPS class Sept. 7. The class costs \$6 per person. **Sign up:** Most cache coordinates are available only if you have a password. They're free at www.geocaching.com. To register, click "log in." To get coordinates, click "Hide & Seek a Cache" and type your zip code.

WHEN YOU GO:

- Carry extra batteries for your GPS.
- Never hike alone. Colonel Johnson and Sergeant Sapp say it's more fun with family members or friends, anyway.
- Dress appropriately. Waterproof boots and long pants are a good idea.
- Brings lots of water. Searching for a cache can be tiring.
- Respect the land and animals. You are hiking through their home, so don't bother them or leave trash.
- Stay on public land at all times. Most caches are in public areas (parks, bridges and playgrounds, for example). If the one you're hunting seems to be on private property, steer clear.
- Bring something small to trade. Sergeant Sapp suggests a toy, but never food.
- Return the cache to the exact same spot you found it for the next person.

open for thorny bushes, spider webs, animals and hidden treasures.

After an hour spent splashing through a creek, walking past cows and taking several wrong turns, Kalynne stopped at the base of a tree and screamed, "I found it!"

The family was just off Mountain Home Air Force Base on a high-tech treasure hunt called

geocaching. What Kalynne found was called a cache (pronounced cash), and there are about 2,100 of them within 100 miles of the base. Caches are usually waterproof boxes of varying size, but they can be a statue, building or other landmark.

Since Sergeant Sapp began hunting in January, he has found 373 caches, including some in Wyoming, Utah, South Dakota and even Guam.

People who hunt for caches use a Glo-

bal Positioning System device – it's like a high-tech compass. GPS tells the user where in the world he or she is, using longitude and latitude. (Longitude measures how far east or west you are from a place in England called Greenwich. Latitude measures how far north or south of the equator you are. The measurements come in pairs – one for longitude, the other for latitude – that are called coordinates.)

People who hide caches put the coordinates for their treasure online at www.geocaching.com. Hunters, such as Sergeant Sapp, enter those coordinates into their GPS devices and follow the directions until they find the caches. Most are in public places and the boxes are hidden so they aren't too visible or

mistaken for trash.

"You have to look for things out of the ordinary," said Sergeant Sapp. "I found one cache at a park in Boise that was hidden in a hollowed out pine cone. Another



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES

Most caches contain small trinkets and are hidden on public land, there are more than 2,100 caches within 100 miles of base.

one I found was about 3-feet tall and as big around as a dinner plate. It all really depends on the area they are placed."

Geocaching offers another opportunity for families to get out and participate in something together.

"The first day we decided to try it, I had to drag my daughter out of bed. We found eight that day," said Sergeant Sapp. "The next day, she dragged me out and we found 12 more."

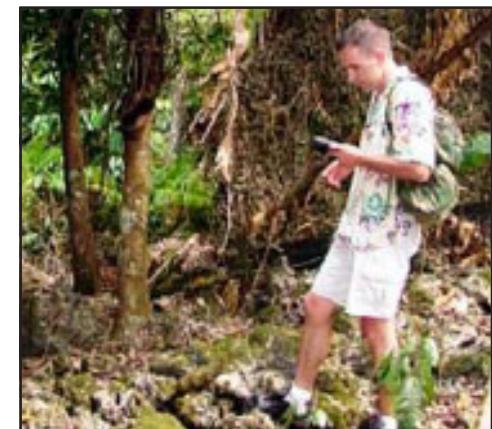
Sergeant Sapp isn't the only Gunfighter looking for caches around the country.

"We started geocaching when I was stationed at Mountain Home," said Lt. Col. Eric Johnson, 388th Electronic Combat Squadron commander, Naval Station Whidbey Island, who was here for the 366th Operations Group change-of-command ceremony Aug. 10. "My son really likes geocaching, and when you can get teenagers interested in something, it's important to keep them involved in it."

Caches can be found anywhere as long as people know where to look, and can take you to out of the ordinary places or just let you know about the history in the area.

"I actually found three caches this weekend while I was here for the change of command," said Colonel Johnson. "You can be at a rest stop and put in your coordinates and who knows what can be there."

"We have discovered cave paintings in the mountains near Mountain Home, hot springs and the old racetrack near Bruneau Dunes State Park all while geocaching," said Colonel Johnson. "I think we have learned more about the local area we are in just by getting out and



COURTESY PHOTO

Tech. Sgt. Allen Sapp, 266th Range Squadron, hunts for a cache while in Guam.

exploring the area while geocaching."

"One cache I found in Guam was amazing," said Sergeant Sapp. "It took us four hours and we were walking through the jungle, down a river most of the way. When we found the cache, it was on a beach and there was a school of dolphins swimming in the ocean ahead of us."

The first cache was hidden in Oregon in May 2000. Before that, GPS units were used by the military and people who wanted to remember favorite hunting or fishing spots. As the satellites that send the coordinates became more accurate, people found new ways to use GPS devices, including hiding caches.

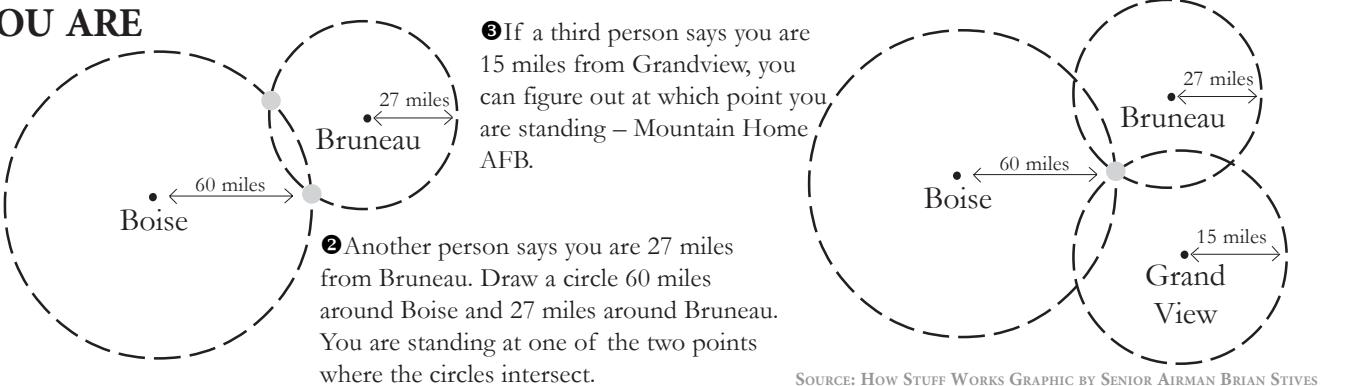
So what was the hidden treasure Sergeant Sapp and Kalynne found that day?

Inside the cache were a logbook and some small toys. They each picked out a toy and left one of their own. After signing the logbook, they put the cache back where they found it for future fortune hunters to discover.

HOW GPS KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE

The are 24 Global positioning System satellites about 12,000 miles above Earth. To determine a person's location, a GPS receives radio signals from at least three of these satellites and computes a math equation called trilateration to display where you are standing. Here's a very basic example of how trilateration works:

- ① Suppose you are lost and ask someone where you are. She says you are 60 miles from Boise.



SOURCE: HOW STUFF WORKS GRAPHIC BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES

Ads

Small-diameter bomb ready for war on terror

Munition allows Strike Eagles to make pin-point strikes from 60 miles away

BY CAPT. BOB EVERDEEN
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Four major acquisition programs — developed in parallel — have come together to provide Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle crews, like those at Mountain Home Air Force Base, with a revolutionary capability that combines accuracy and reduced collateral damage.

Military and civilian employees in seven locations worked together developing the four new capabilities — small-diameter

bomb, advanced display core processor, joint mission planning system and the operational flight program software, better known as Suite 5. The final, combined product, which includes four additional smart weapons stations, was delivered to Air Force pilots at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, last month, eight weeks ahead of schedule and \$26.9 million under budget.

"If you would have put all of us in a room last summer and asked us how we were going to make (the deadline), we probably would've said, 'This is new territory for all of us,'" said George Spencer, 912th Aeronautical Systems Group director in charge of F-15 systems.

The key capability delivered to warfighters is the GBU-39 250-pound small-diameter bomb — a munition capable of raining pinpoint precision explo-



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. LANCE CHUNG

Staff Sgt. Randy Broome (left) and Airman 1st Class Robert Branham unload a bomb rack unit-61 from a munitions trailer at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, Aug. 1. The bomb rack fits on F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jets and holds guided bomb unit-39 small-diameter bombs.

sions on enemy targets from 60 miles away while minimizing collateral damage.

"Previously in urban warfare, forces sur-

nificant damage to nearby structures; or sending in ground troops, putting their lives at risk," said Col. Richard Justice, the 918th AESG commander and small-diameter bomb program manager at Eglin AFB, Fla. "U.S. military rules of engagement dictate that we avoid or minimize death or injury to innocent people 'next door.' F-15s equipped with these four new capabilities can send in a much smaller bomb, which can strike within six feet of the aim point."

In July, the first F-15Es were fitted with a training version of small-diameter bomb racks with electronics that allow jets to drop simulated bombs.

After one of the sorties, Lt. Col. Will Reese, 494th Fighter Squadron commander, RAF Lakenheath said, "Our four-ship (of F-15s) hit 16 targets with 16 bombs in one pass."

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Lt. Col. (Dr.) Eric Ritchie (left) and Staff Sgt. Jolie Zykulski wrap a cast molding around the leg of a patient after successful surgery Aug. 15 at the Hospital Esquela in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. A medical team of eight people from Wilford Hall Medical Center at San Antonio and Joint Task Force-Bravo at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, treated more than 200 people and operated on more than 60 individuals during its two-week deployment Aug. 5 to 19.

Americans, Hondurans team to fix broken bones

BY SENIOR AIRMAN
MIKE MEARES

JOINT TASK FORCE -
BRAVO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A medical team of eight people from Wilford Hall Medical Center at San Antonio and Joint Task Force-Bravo at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, treated more than 200 people Hondurans during a two-week training exercise Aug. 5 to 19.

The team of eight medical professionals, led by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Eric Ritchie, spent two weeks at Hospital Esquela during an orthopedics medical readiness training exercise Aug. 5 through 19, where they treated more than 90 patients in the operating room.

They were joined by members of the medical community from Joint Task Force-Bravo at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, and Honduran resident doctors at the hospital for a "subject matter expert exchange of information."

"The fractures we see here are a lot worse than (what) we see in the states, because they are falling from much greater heights," said Dr. Ritchie, the chief of pediatric orthopedics at Wilford Hall.

Some families in Honduras make a living off the mangos, cherries and bananas harvested from trees. As soon as some of these children are old enough to climb, they help their families earn a living by harvesting the fruit.

"That's their livelihood," said Staff Sgt. Jolie Zykulski, orthopedic technician. "There are a lot of elbow fractures that never heal."

A 6-year-old Honduran boy hit by a taxi cab in the streets of Tegucigalpa had two screws placed into his tibia by doctors from Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio,

to repair the open fracture caused by the incident.

Not all surgeries were due to injuries sustained from falling out of trees or being hit by cars. In the case of 11-year-old Karen, the weight of her body is enough to break her fibulas because she suffers from a rare brittle bone disease — osteogenesis imperfecta.

"This is a life-changing event for most of them," said Dr. Ricardo Aviles, a JTF-Bravo medical officer. "These are injuries (or illnesses) that have been plaguing them for some time."

The Honduran doctor said medical professionals from Honduras have limited resources to repair children's broken bones, especially for families who cannot afford medical care. That is why people go to Hospital Esquela when something happens. The medical care is free, even when the U.S. servicemembers join the ranks.

"I'm learning a lot from their techniques," said Dr. Ritchie. "They have to do a lot more without the benefit of technology and they do it very well."

Once surgeries are finished, the young patients are transferred from the operating room to the recovery room where they are laid on a bed with well-used padding. Maj. Liz Cooley, a recovery room nurse, works with them in the recovery room to ease their pain as best as possible while preparing them to be transferred to the children's ward. Upon arrival in the ward, they are lucky if it is not full and there is a bed with padding available.

The children remain residents of the ward until their wounds mend. The families, in the meantime, provide meals, clothing and company throughout their stay.

Air Force launches MySpace profile

COURTESY AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force is joining the Internet's largest social networking site and entered the MySpace race when it launched its own user profile Monday.

With close to 98 million registered users, MySpace.com is an ideal venue for the Air Force to connect with potential recruits and promote awareness for its up-and-coming documentary-style ad campaign "Do Something Amazing."

As the third most popular Web site, MySpace reaches 49 percent of all Internet users between the ages of 18 to 24. The site's users can chat with old friends, make new friends and post blogs, photos and videos to their profiles.

"In order to reach young men and women today, we need to be in tune and engaged in their circles," said Col. Brian Madtes, Air Force Recruiting Service's Strategic Communications director. "MySpace.com is a great way to get the word out to the public about the amazing things people are doing in the Air Force."

When viewing the Air Force profile, users can see a series of five rough-cut clips that will give them a behind-the-scenes look at the extraordinary things Airmen accomplish every day. They will also have the opportunity to vote on which commercial will kick off the "Do Something Amazing" advertising campaign. The one with the most votes will air Sept. 18 during the FOX network's TV show, "Prison Break."

In addition to the 30-second commercials, users will be able to view expanded videos of Airmen as they fly and fight, call in air strikes, navigate satellites and jump out of airplanes. The reality TV film clips include personal, unscripted interviews from Airmen in today's Air Force. MySpace users can also become "friends" of the Air Force, download wallpaper and post messages about what else they would like to see in the ad campaign.

Following the Sept. 18 commercial premiere, Internet users will be able to go to the DoSomethingAmazing.com Web site where they can view more than 100 videos of Airmen in action.

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WELCOME, NEWEST 'YOUNG GUNS'

Kyden Michael LeFors

Parent's names: Joseph and Krista LeFors
Birth date: **July 2**

Erin Jean Dirks

Parent's names: Aaron and Maria Dirks
Birth date: **July 5**

Caden Bryce Simpson

Parent's names: Landon and Shay Simpson
Birth date: **July 5**

Natalee Grace Fausett

Parent's names: Steven and Cathy Fausett
Birth date: **July 5**

Megan Oleta Grubbs

Parent's names: Billy and Jennifer Grubbs
Birth date: **July 6**

Vito Giovanni Polite

Parent's names: Caan and Guadalupe Polite
Birth date: **July 6**

Avery Peng Tyburski

Parent's names: Michael and Dawn Tyburski
Birth date: **July 7**

Anthony Wess Blevins

Parent's names: Kyle and Carolyn Blevins
Birth date: **July 8**

Trenton James Ditto

Parent's names: Tony and Mandy Ditto
Birth date: **July 8**

Lauren Elizabeth VanSickle

Parent's names: Philip and Heather VanSickle
Birth date: **July 8**

Justin Ryan Wadas

Parent's names: Shannon and Patti Wadas
Birth date: **July 9**

Zachary Michael Brady

Parent's names: Michael and Tiffany Brady
Birth date: **July 9**

Makaila Manulani Louise Sanchez

Parent's names: James and LaHella Sanchez
Birth date: **July 10**

Landen Chase Hoffman

Parent's names: Chase and Margo Hoffman
Birth date: **July 13**

Catherine Estelle McDaniel

Parent's names: John and Heather McDaniel
Birth date: **July 13**

Hayden Gabriel Holt

Parent's names: Brandon and Jordan Holt
Birth date: **July 14**

Austin Ray DeLaRosa

Parent's names: Michael and Deeahna DeLaRosa
Birth date: **July 15**

Avery Jane Carden

Parent's names: Tristan and Krystal Carden
Birth date: **July 15**

Marie Alyssa VanCleef

Parent's names: Chris and Rheannon VanCleef
Birth date: **July 16**

Oren Whittington

Parent's names: C.J. and Kirsten Whittington
Birth date: **July 16**

Ian James Shepard

Parent's names: James and Sarah Shepard
Birth date: **July 16**

Isabella Rachael Danks

Parent's names: Wilson and Katrina Danks
Birth date: **July 17**

Jeri-lynn Cristine Corbett

Parent's names: James and Tracy Corbett
Birth date: **July 18**

Lindsey Lynn Baker

Parent's names: Jonathan and Krista Baker
Birth date: **July 24**

Breanna Lou Darrenkamp

Parent's names: Shawn and Patricia Darrenkamp
Birth date: **July 24**

Isabella Paige Newmayer

Parent's names: David and Carrie Newmayer
Birth date: **July 24**

Kyle William Ahrens

Parent's names: Scott and Nicole Ahrens
Birth date: **July 24**

Gracelyn May Stoller

Parent's names: Mark and Andra Stoller
Birth date: **July 26**

Matthew Robert Hiltbrunner

Parent's names: Gregory and Yesenia Hiltbrunner
Birth date: **July 26**

Austin David Moore

Parent's names: John and Nikki Moore
Birth date: **July 27**

ADS

YOUR GUIDE TO THIS WEEK, NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

THE BIG SCREEN



Today — Little Man — PG-13 — 7 p.m. — starring Marlon Wayans and Shawn Wayans.

Fate brings a childless couple a bundle of joy — who happens to have a criminal record. Calvin Simms is a master criminal who, with the help of his friend and side-kick Percy, plans a daring robbery of the world's largest diamonds on display. Calvin is able to get inside secure areas with his size — Calvin stands less than two feet tall. After getting the diamond, Calvin is nearly caught by the police and stashes the jewel in a bag carried by a passerby. Eager to recover the diamond from the unwitting accomplice, Calvin and Percy figure out a way to get into his house — they dress Calvin up as a baby and leave him on the doorstep. *1 hour, 37 minutes.*



Saturday and Sunday — Monster House — PG — 7 p.m. — starring Steve Buscemi and Nick Cannon.

A suburban home has become physically animated by a vengeful soul looking to stir up trouble from beyond the grave, and it's up to three adventurous children from the neighborhood to do battle with the structural golem in this comically frightful tale. *1 hour, 31 minutes.*



Monday — Clerks II — R — starring Brian Christopher O'Halloran and Jeff Anderson.

Ten years ago, best friends Dante Hicks and Randal Graves were New Jersey mini-mall clerks still slacking off together in their early 20's. Now working in the fast-food universe, Dante and Randal have managed to maintain and even hone, their in-your-face attitudes, agile skill with vulgarities and unbridled love of working over the customers. But they are also faced with such shocking prospects as marriages, leaving Jersey and finding real careers. *1 hour, 37 minutes.*

Community Center

2nd Annual End of Summer Family FIESTA!

Free Food (while supplies last)

Games!

Prizes!

FAMILY FUN for all Ages!!

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It's FREE!

Saturday, August 26

For more information please call 828-2236

VIPER VISITS ... WING PLANS AND PROGRAMS



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES

Maj. Mike Arnold, 366th Fighter Wing wing assessments branch chief, and the rest of the assessment branch brief Viper on what the inspector general teams are looking for during this week's unit compliance inspection. The 366th FW plans and program assessment branch helped the wing prepare for the inspection for the last nine months. If any of the inspectors have any questions during the UCI, the assessment branch is where they got their answers.

SERVICES

Auto skills center

Contract services — The center's contract mechanic and paint and body technicians offer their services on an appointment only basis. For details or to make an appointment, call 828-2295.

Bowlingcenter

Family special — Bowl for \$1 a game each Sunday. For details on this and other bowling specials, call 828-6329.

Snack bar — The bowling center's snack bar now opens for breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, call 828-6329.

Communitycenter

Hip Hop All-nighter — Today beginning at 9 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person. Must be 18 to attend.

End of Summer Family Fiesta — Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come enjoy games, food, fun and prizes.

Chess club — The center's chess club meets from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. The club is free and open to all ages and experience levels.

For more information on these and other community center events, call 828-2246.

Library

Café hours — The Pony Espresso Café opens from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and serves a variety of coffee drinks, smoothies and pastries. Join the drink club, purchase 10 drinks get the eleventh free.

Video club — Yearly memberships are \$12, and members can borrow up to three videos at a time for up to one week.

Multi-media center — The library's multi-media center features color copier, scanner and photo printing services. For more information, call 828-2326.

Outdoor recreation supply

Available to rent — Outdoor recreation rents a variety of party equipment, including bouncy castles, spaceships, boxing rings and giant slides. People must pay a \$20 deposit when they make their reservations.

Fishing boat rentals — Fishing boat rentals start at \$40 for the weekend (pick up Friday, return by 10 a.m. Monday). Additional days start at \$10.

For more information, call 828-2237.

Fitness Center

All night basketball tournament — Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. The is a 5-on-5 tournament. Registration is free.

Run from work fun run — Thursday at 9 a.m. Registration ends Wednesday. Event is free to all who enter.

Youth Programs

Back to school children's hang — Today from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For children age 9 to 12. The cost is \$5 per child; \$4 for members.

Teen flicks — Today from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. For children age 13 and older. The cost is \$5 per teen; \$4 for members.

Pizza Etc.

August special — People may order a steak sandwich and a 24-ounce soda for \$3.95.

Gun fighters Club

Cook Your Own Steak or Chicken — Every Thursday in August in the Six-Shooters Lounge. The cost is \$3.95 for steak or chicken, baked potato, salad and roll.

Barber shop — Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Walk-in appointments are welcome.

CHAPEL

Catholic services

Sunday Mass — 8 a.m.

Daily Mass — Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., chapel annex

Religious education — 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Sundays for those ages three and up, Religious Education Building

Protestants services

Sunday school — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for those ages 6 months and up, Religious Education Building

Traditional service — Sundays, 10 a.m. Includes children's church for those ages 4 to 8 and wee joy service for those ages 6 months to 5 years.

Jubilee Full Gospel Baptist Service — Sundays, 2 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Holt Park.

All Sunday services held at the community center.

EDUCATION NEWS

Enlisted Performance Reports for senior master sergeants closing out on or after Aug. 1, 2007, and master sergeants closing out on or after Oct. 1, 2007, will require the senior rater to have completed the senior noncommissioned officer academy (correspondence or in-residence) and have a Community College of the Air Force degree (in any specialty). This requirement is the minimum established criteria for endorsement consideration and does not guarantee automatic endorsement.

These implementation dates provide adequate time for senior NCOs to complete the requirements prior to the effec-

tive dates, said Chief Master Sgt. Tredna Voegle, Air Force headquarters. The effective dates are in line with the promotion eligibility cut off dates and ensure top EPRs for those meeting the 2007 calendar year chief master sergeant evaluation board and the 2008 calendar year senior master sergeant evaluation board.

The CCAF degrees can be completed by face-to-face classes, distance learning (on line courses) and testing (CLEP and DANATES). In most cases, Tuition Assistance is available to pay for the courses. For more information, call the education center at 828-6363.

Embry-Riddle University

Registration continues for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's fall term. The semester runs through Oct. 1 and classes include math, English, speech, history and management classes for Community College of the Air Force degrees. The base campus also offers several graduate programs including a masters in aeronautical science and masters of science in management. For more information, call 828-4190 or 832-2222.

WELLNESS

Dad's class

A class for dads by dads. Learn to deal with joys and fears of becoming a new father. Class will be today from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-7566.

Stress management

The health and wellness center's next stress management class runs from noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 13 at the HAWC. The class helps students improve their ability to cope with stress and how to deal with uncertainties of life. To register, call 828-2458.

HOUSING NOTES

Refuse collection

Items larger than 6 feet in length or rubbish not considered household debris should be disposed of in the base dumpsters. The refuse contractor isn't required to pick up abnormally sized objects or objects weighing more than 70 pounds.

Housing occupants must also keep the garbage lids securely sealed. Occupants residing in areas other than Eagle View are responsible for placing the receptacle at curbside anytime after 6 p.m. the night before pick-up and returning it to its original storage area by 6 p.m. the day of pick-up. This helps prevent littering and reduces safety hazards for children and animals while minimizing debris prob-

lems. Occupants who leave their trash cans on the curb will be ticketed.

Items in recycle bins, compost in paper recyclable bags and tree branches which have been tied and are less than 6 feet long are to be placed next to the trash cans.

Do not place compost materials in trash cans. Compost materials are picked up by the contractor between April and November. During the months when compost materials are not picked up, people may dispose of these items at the base compost site located adjacent to the base recycling center near the base stables.

Occupants with complaints about housing refuse collection should report problems immediately so they can be validated or resolved. For more information, call McCray Sanitation at 590-1100 or the quality assurance evaluator at 828-1340.

Hoses at vacant houses

According to housing officials, housing maintenance is responsible for watering and mowing vacant units in base housing. The hoses and sprinklers belong to them and will remove their hoses and sprinklers once a resident accepts the house.

Removal of the hoses or sprinklers is considered theft, and violators will be prosecuted.

Routine maintenance

According to housing officials, housing occupants are required to perform small routine maintenance, minor repair and housekeeping tasks while residing in family housing.

These tasks include, replacing furnace filters, changing appliance and light bulbs, securing door stops, cleaning the faucet aerator, and tightening or replacing outlet, cable and switch covers.

Housing occupants are held financially liable for failure to perform homeowner maintenance and maintenance calls of routine or repetitive nature, which could be considered abuse or negligence. It's also the responsibility of the housing occupant to call in maintenance problems, such as repairs or to reset the sprinkler times, reporting broken screens and fence boards or leaky faucets, to housing maintenance at 832-4643.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

2006 U.S. Paragliding National Championships

Up to 100 of the best paragliding pilots in the country meet in Sun Valley, Idaho, from Sunday through Sept. 2 to fly the skies high over the Sawtooth Mountains and compete for the title national champion. Courses of 10 to 100 miles are expected as participants reach heights up to 18,000 feet. All flights will originate from the summit of Bald Mountain, the top of the Sun Valley Resort.

Boise City Harvest

Downtown Boise comes alive with two stages featuring the best of the local arts community and an expanded Capital City Public Market featuring the beginning of the fall local food harvest Sept. 2. This family-friendly event is not-to-be-missed if you are in town for the Labor Day Weekend. The event runs from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on 8th Street between Bannock and Main and on the Grove Plaza and the Basque Block.

Ketchum Wagon Days

Since 1958, Ketchum Wagon Days has annually celebrated the mining heritage of the Wood River Valley with four days of good Old West entertainment including a shootout, barbecues, Fiddler's contest, Mountain Man Rendezvous, live music and the Big Hitch parade — the longest non-motorized parade in the Northwest. From morning pancake breakfasts to evening Western dances, the entire area hums with activities: antique shows, arts and craft fair, live entertainment, food and a rodeo. The event runs from Sept. 1 through 4 in Ketchum, Idaho.

Pentathlon takes Airman around the world

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The year is 1796. A young French soldier slips into the thick forest of enemy territory during Napoleon Bonaparte's conquest of northern Italy to deliver a message.

In his possession is a pistol, sword and a horse belonging to an enemy he snuck behind and killed. He must conquer the horse and ride it through the enemy's camp, fighting off would-be assassins with his weapons. When he reaches a deep river, he must leave the horse and swim across. Once on the other side he must run with all his might to deliver the message safely to his commanding general.

This is the premise of the modern pentathlon, one of 21 armed forces sports and one of 39 Olympic sports. The competition consists of target shooting, fencing, swimming, horseback riding and running—all the skills required of soldiers of centuries past. But some of the current "pentathletes" are not only professional athletes but full-time military members as well.

Terry Orcutt competed in pentathlons for 14 years as an Air Force

officer, traveling to more than a dozen countries including Australia, Poland and Italy.

Orcutt was a swimmer at Tulane University in New Orleans. When she entered the Air Force as a biomedical engineer at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, she wanted to keep swimming to stay in shape.

"I was interested in starting triathlons (a competition of swimming, biking and running)," said Terry, who's now a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserves. "But one day, I ran into a group of athletes training, and it turned out they were pentathletes because the national training center for pentathlons is in San Antonio. They recruited me to do the sport."

Terry was originally skeptical about becoming a pentathlete because she never did fencing or competitive horseback riding before. But her skepticism melted into determination when she discovered she had a knack for some of the new skills.

"I picked up fencing quickly," said Terry. "Fencing is a combat sport, similar to boxing. A lot of it involves distance, the timing of your oppo-

Pentathlon events at a glance

- **Shooting:** Athletes shoot a 4.5 mm air pistol in standing position 10 meters from a target. Athletes take 20 shots with a maximum of 40 seconds between each shot.
- **Fencing:** Fencing is done in the epee style where athletes face off in a round-robin. Each bout lasts one minute, with the first athlete to score a hit winning.
- **Swimming:** Athletes swim a 200-meter freestyle race. Competitors are seeded in heats according to their fastest time over the distance.
- **Riding:** The riding event involves show jumping over a 350 to 450 meter course with 12 to 15 obstacles. Athletes draw a horse 20 minutes before the start of the event.
- **Running:** The pentathlon ends with a 3,000 meter cross-country race. Athletes are ranked according to their score from the first four events, with the leader going first. The first person to cross the finish line is the overall winner of the modern pentathlon.

nent and trying to find a way into your opponent's defense."

She learned horseback riding quickly as well. However, she said the problem with riding is pentathletes don't know the temperament of the horse they draw during the competition.

"Horses are like people—they have their own personality," she said. "Some horses are naturally fast, and you sit lightly on top of them and guide them along. Other horses are slower, and you have to sit tightly on the saddle and prod them along more."

Despite her military background, Terry said sharpening her shooting skills was challenging for her to learn.

"You have to be really calm and

really focused when you take your shot," she said.

Terry started training for modern pentathlons in the spring of 1987 and six months later made the modern pentathlon world team. She went on to compete in more national competitions and in 1990 was named the DoD Athlete of the Year.

"She has always set high standards and pushes herself to achieve her goals," said Dan Orcutt, Terry's husband who's the 391st Fighter Squadron director of operations. "She is the hardest working person I know, and when she was training she was able to push herself through amazingly difficult workouts. I made the mistake of trying to run with her on an easy run

— which turned out to be a seven-mile run in the freezing rain."

Over the next five years, she won national pentathlon and fencing championships and made two world teams. In 1995, Terry participated in the first military equivalent of the Olympic games hosted by the International Military Sports Council, or CISM for short.

After nearly a decade of competing in national and world events, Terry decided to try out for the real Olympics. But the year was 1995 and women still weren't allowed to compete in Olympic modern pentathlons.

"People had tried to open up the competition to women since the 1970s," she said. "But, the sport is modeled after militaries where women weren't allowed, so the politics made it difficult."

Instead, Terry decided to join the national fencing team — since that was a sport women could compete in.

"I won the 1995 fencing national competition, but I didn't make the top three during the world championships. I placed fifth," she said.

It wasn't until the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia, that women were allowed to compete in

the modern pentathlon games.

Even though Terry hung up her competition outfit six years ago, she still remains active in the sport by serving on Olympic advisory boards and councils. Since 2004, she has represented U.S. teams at CISM championships, interacting with team delegates from other nations.

In May she represented a four-person U.S. pentathlon team at the CISM championship in Kaunas, Lithuania, that included the top U.S. finisher for the competition.

Unfortunately during the horseback riding event, one of the team members was thrown from his horse, couldn't get back on and was disqualified. The team went from medal contention to one of the bottom teams immediately, she said.

"That's what makes the sport so exciting. You never know how events are going to unfold and a team can easily go from first place to last," she said.

But whether her teams place first or last, Terry will continue to represent teams at CISM championships in the foreseeable future. She said she wants to be an advocate for athletes, making sure their voices and concerns are heard.

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